since 1st January 1996, in all States and UTs except J&K. The responsibility for implementation of the Act rests largely with the States/Union Territories.

In addition to national level publicity in print and electronic media against the evil of sex determination of foetus and about the provisions of the Act, the States/UTs have been advised to mount an effective awareness campaign to make the public and service providers aware of the provisions of the Act. The States/UTs have also been advised to provide protection to social activists and Non-Governmental Organizations giving information of filing complaints of violation of provisions of the Act.

Workshops/Seminars are being organised at State/district level, to create awareness about the provisions of the Act. Voluntary Organisations are also being involved to carry out projects regarding creating awareness about the provisions of the Act.

National Level Non-Governmental Organisations have been requested to take on projects for generating awareness about the provisions of the act, among doctors/clinics/law enforcing authorities and public at large.

Report of Dr. J.N. Pande Committee

36. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee constituted on the 16th November, 2000 under the Chairmanship of Dr. J.N. Pande, HOD (IM), AIIMS, New Delhi to prepare a comprehensive formula for CGHS and MSO and also to consider the procedure to be adopted for minimizing references to private chemists by Medical Officers/Specialists in CGHS for procuring drugs has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the recommendations made and action being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

AIDS Testing Centres

37. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up AIDS testing centres in all the district headquaters in the country for providing pre and post-testing counseling along with free tests for HIV/AIDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. At present 142 VCTCs have been established in various medical colleges of the country. During current financial year, VCTCs will be established in all the districts of 6 high prevalence States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Manipur and Nagaland. In other States, districts are being covered in a phased manner to establish one VCTC in each district hospital.

Adulteration in Cumin

38. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Mehangai ke karan jeera mein sounf aur mitti kee bhati melavate", published in Navbharat Times dated the 22nd June, 2001;

(b) whether there is abundance of adulteration of fennel and sawdust in cumin;

(c) whether Food Adulteration Department has not taken any